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## Vote on Tuesday for better schools!

### REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

#### ILLNESS HELPFUL

Illness is not something a healthy-minded person desires. But a healthy-minded person learns much through an occasional illness. If you are not too severely sick, you get a chance to review the life you've been living while well. You find out which things you've been doing are good, and which are not so good.

And when you have recovered enough to go back to the old grind, as we have a habit of saying, it isn't the old grind at all. Things have freshened up. Superfluities have dropped away. Old importances that had gotten buried under trivialities during the days of arrogant health are now renovated. You are a new man.

#### A MORNING WORLD

During the present writer's recent weeks of illness, while Joe Chaudet with the assistance of Jack Eshelman was doing much that ordinarily is done by the editor, all the news about the labor movement took on a fresh interest in the invalid's eyes. What had seemed routine stuff began to glitter and glow in the mind. The coming — or rather, decidedly current! — political campaign grew more fascinating. Decisions reached or debates engaged in by the various unions and the two councils here loomed with enlarged significance.

So when the return was made to the good old desk, and the sound of the linotype and the presses and one's own typewriter was heard again, the labor world seemed to one man at least a world of morning and of spring, not of evening and winter or late autumn.

#### BROTHERS & SISTERS

The friendly greetings to the returned one, the memory of the get-well cards received while ill, the cheerful badinage about one certainly taking it easy for a while, remind one, too, that the labor movement really is carried on by a band of brothers and sisters, and that we're all, perhaps even the returning brother, a little nicer than we sometimes act.

So here's to the health of all of us—with an occasional sick spell to help us to increase our good sense and cut out some, at least, of our nonsense!

FRANK A. LAWRENCE has taken the oath of office for a new term as state Industrial Accident Commissioner.

### OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

### Paint Makers win contract from Williams

Monday's meeting of the Central Labor Council might well have been called Paint Makers Night.

It was announced that the long struggle, lasting some 120 days, with the C. K. Williams Company in Emeryville, makers of dry colors, had been brought to a close.

Pete Ceremello, business representative, Paint Makers 1101, outlined the terms of the contract which has been signed after months of picketing at the Emeryville plant, and also at the company's plant in East St. Louis, where the Central Labor Council here cooperating with the Paint Makers set up a picket line which defied wind, rain, sleet, and snow.

"Of course," said Ceremello cheerfully, "Dick Groulx got snow in the pockets of my overcoat on that picket line, but everything's cleaned up now."

Groulx, CLC assistant secretary, had been assigned by Secretary Robert S. Ash to head the East St. Louis expedition, and reported at a previous meeting of the council on his adventures there.

Ceremello said that Ash's firm realization that only picketing of other plants of the company would break the long deadlock was what won the strike.

A complete financial account  
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### Backing of Clerks at Ward's affirmed

The Central Labor Council this week reaffirmed its support of the boycott of the Montgomery Ward store in Oakland, on the recommendation of the executive committee, to which the question had been referred at the previous meeting of the council. A committee was authorized to make the boycott fully effective.

The executive committee pointed out that the recent AFL-CIO convention had adopted a resolution calling for support of the nationwide boycott of Montgomery Ward's and that President Meany's letter asking for effectuation of this was a mandate.

The executive committee Friday of last week heard Tom Connor and George Hunt state the case of the Teamsters, whose Warehousemen 853 has a contract with Ward's at the Oakland store; and Russ Mathiesen and John Philpott for the Retail Clerks, the union boycotting the stores.

The Teamsters had asked that  
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### BTC warned all fringes menaced by RW scheme

An analysis of the "right to work" compulsory open shop petition called to the attention of the delegates at the last meeting of the Building Council.

It was contained in a printed statement prepared by C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, and State Fed Council C. P. Scully, received by BTC Secretary John Davy.

The full text of the initiative measure is first given, and then its harmful effects on the labor movement if adopted in November are brought out clause by clause.

It is pointed out that the prohibitions contained in the initiative "make illegal the closed shop, union shop, maintenance of membership clauses and all variations thereof, and also the 'agency shop' or any other type of provision which requires payment of 'dues' and 'fees' or 'other charges' for services rendered by a union irrespective of whether membership is required.

"Also, because it is argued that trust funds with labor representation are 'labor organizations', the term 'other charges' could be construed to prohibit contributions into joint vacation, pension, and other health and welfare programs which embrace the contributory principle.

"The provision against a person, firm, association, corporation or labor organization causing or attempting to cause em-

ployer violations applies not only to the three above prohibitions but to the entire initiative, thereby making subject to the penalties provided in the initiative even the action of a worker who merely informs his employer that he should hire union members because they are generally more efficient than non-members."

Many other menaces contained in the tricky language of the "right to wreck" initiative are given in the analysis.

#### KOHLER STRIKE

A Kohler strike bulletin was read which stated that the boycott was continuing to reduce the business of the company.

#### COUNCIL THANKED

Communications from the boys' town in Sonoma county and from the City of Hope were noted, thanking the council for its contributions.

#### PORT OF OAKLAND

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers reported that the Port of Oakland has agreed to sublet a demolition job at the foot of Webster street where the Laborers had complained union rules were being violated.

#### COPE MAR. 3

Delegates are reminded that the recently organized local COPE (AFLCIO) Council on Political Education) meets again March 3. All locals were urged

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### Labor unions urge big vote for education

More than one hundred community organizations and thousands of Oakland citizens have endorsed the school tax proposal on the February 18 ballot. Organized labor is strongly supporting a YES vote.

Henry J. Kaiser Jr., general chairman, announced that the Good Schools Committee, advocating a YES vote Tuesday, has been joined by thousands of volunteers.

They come from a wide cross-section of Oakland's family life embracing civic organizations, labor, management, P-TA and Dads Clubs and numerous business and merchants associations.

Appealing for all-out support General Chairman Kaiser, and Co-chairmen Lawrence S. Simon and Ruby Margossian, said in a joint statement:

"Today, as never before, good brains are in demand. There is only one way to develop them—through education! Our future as a community, state and nation depends upon providing our children with the best . . . the best teachers, the best instruction, the best facilities, the best materials. Please give our children these benefits! Vote YES for Oakland schools on Tuesday."

"Oakland has had a tremendous population boom, and we are on the threshold of another.

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FIRST MEMBER of Candy & Confectionery Local 444 to receive the \$100 a month pension under the plan which went into effect October 1, 1957, is shown receiving her pension certificate. She is Mrs. Maud Fowler of the Saylor Chocolate Company personnel. At her left is shown Harry Duggan, financial secretary of Local 444. At her right is Elliott Peterson, manager of Saylor's. The presentation was made at the Saylor plant.

Registration Month has started! Cooperate with the special Registrars! Become a registered Voter!



# HOW TO BUY

**Don't get stung by bee jelly**

By **SIDNEY MARGOLIUS**  
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

**ROYAL JELLY:** "Note the enclosed mail-order circular for this bee-jelly vitamin preparation. The advertisers are certainly taking liberties."

—B. H. R., Los Angeles

Several readers have forwarded flamboyant circulars advertising Royal Jelly, which is a bee secretion. One mail-order seller, the Jenasol Co., talks about the "extraordinary virility" of the Queen Bee, and suggests Royal Jelly has "healing substances with dazzling possibilities for fighting many human ills," and "increases man's overall vitality and sex drive." Another mail-order advertiser, the Eli Kahn Company, claims it's a "proven sex-stimulant."

The Federal Trade Commission already is investigating such claims; the Food and Drug Administration also has moved to bar unproved claims for Royal Jelly, and Better Business Bureaus are warning people against swallowing high-pressure health claims for Royal Jelly. Group Drug Service of New York reports it has received calls from union members who have seen such ads and want to buy Royal Jelly, but refuses to handle it.

This department's consultants report the Royal Jelly is rich in pantothenic acid and B-Complex vitamins, and also has some hormone substance. The B vitamins and pantothenic acid, of course, are available in a number of inexpensive vitamin products for as little as \$3.75 per 100 tablets compared to \$15 and \$20 for Royal Jelly capsules. Wheat germ and brewer's yeast are even cheaper sources. You also get lots of natural B vitamins from your ordinary foods as bread, cereals, meat, fish, chicken, and milk. Nor has the need for pantothenic acid in human nutrition been fully established.

Most of the claims for longevity and virility powers for Royal Jelly are based on some studies made in France and Italy, which our consultants say are far from adequate, and add that the proper role of this substance cannot yet be evaluated.

Even such big dealers as Macy's and Frances Denny are promoting facial creams with Royal Jelly. Macy's ads have claimed Royal Jelly cosmetics "contain the Queen Bee's own beauty secret . . . the nectar which makes her radiantly beautiful, keeps her young almost indefinitely." But it's dubious that Royal Jelly can make a woman more beautiful, let alone as radiantly beautiful as a bee, which should be of interest only to other bees.

Our consultants point out that the vitamins, protein and minerals in Royal Jelly are less likely to be absorbed through the skin than if eaten. Macy's at least charges only four bucks for this new magical potion. Frances Denny makes desperate women with "dry and sensitive skin" fork over \$15 for a jar. Of course, any ordinary cream or lanolin lotion at a dollar or less a jar will soften and add moisture to dry skin for a while, and/or temporarily "erase" wrinkles.

**VITAMINS:** "How can we be certain there are all the vitamins in a tablet or capsule the ads say they contain. Two I have in mind are the Barth and Vita-safe. My fellow workers swear by them."

—G. C. H., Mansfield, Ohio

If the vitamin product is labeled "U. S. P.," that means the maker claims the ingredients measure up to the accepted standards of the United States Pharmacopeia. If the product is sold in interstate commerce, the Food and Drug Administration checks on the potency claims, and the FTC on the advertising claims. The FDA staff is small, but it does check on smaller distributors particularly. Thus you can generally assume such products contain the listed ingredients, and can compare the potencies listed on the labels with other products to see which gives most for the money.

Vitasafe was charged by the FTC last year with advertising a deceptive "30-day free trial" offer in newspapers and magazines. People responding to the offer then were mailed additional monthly supplies and billed for the shipments even after they notified the company they no longer wanted to receive the product. This department also received complaints about this practice. However, this is not to say Vitasafe products are not correctly labeled or reasonably-priced. They fall into a moderate-price bracket.

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

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## To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

**CHURCH PEOPLE** feel that family life is the concern of the church rather than the state. Others, not so impressed by the importance of the church, feel that family life is the business of the family, a private affair, "nobody's business but mine."

Teachers learn all too thoroughly and all too sadly that there are occasions when family life cannot be left to itself. Take the case of the teacher in San Mateo county who on a recent morning was handed a note by a 10-year-old girl which said in part:

"I love you very much . . . Please take me home with you. I will be very good to you . . . My father is not my real father . . . he does not like me and wants to get rid of me . . . my mother is my real mother but she does not like me either . . . So please take me home with you. Please is all I can say. Please Please Please Love SUE."

"I LOVE you very much." That is the feeling which good teachers arouse in the hearts of many children, especially those who like this forlorn little soul, are desperately seeking what so many children have, an affectionate father and mother, and a home life that is warm and nourishing to the soul.

The teacher stands half way between the home and the state, and in that strategic position learns much that is wrong with both the home and the state.

**IN SUE'S CASE** the teacher with the assistance of a deputy sheriff's investigation came to the regretful conclusion that the little girl was justified in making her pathetic plea. The stepfather, a craftsman, and the mother, a factory worker, seemed to the deputy sheriff to have just the attitudes Sue described, and Sue's little body bore many bruises from beatings.

How grateful we should all be to the teacher capable of bringing from little Sue that opening cry: "I love you very much!"

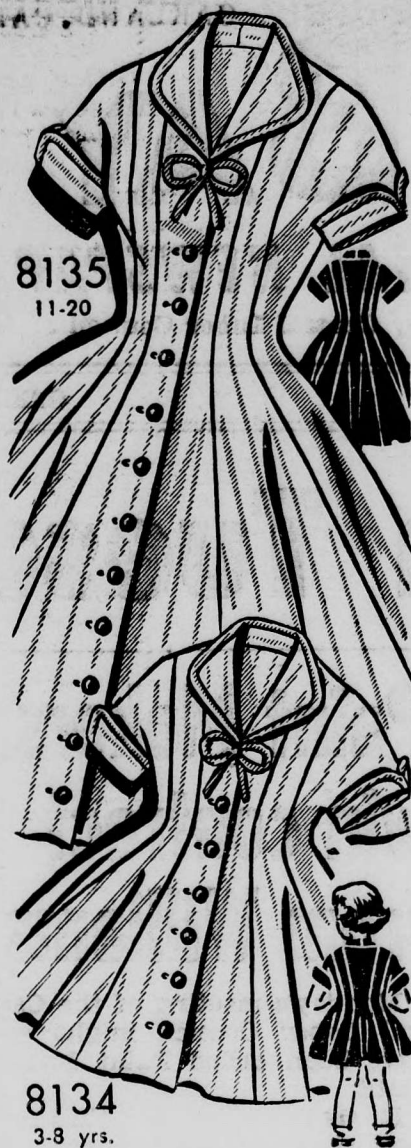
## Landlords foe to wallpaper

The worst enemy of the landlord is wallpaper, says a rental property manager.

Wallpaper your walls and you will probably have wallpaper removal fee subtracted from the one-month security rent you gave the landlord when you moved in.

The landlord's point is well taken: He does not want the wallpaper to begin with and, most likely, his next tenant will not want it either. He must rip off the paper and repair whatever damage exists underneath.

## Barbara Bell Patterns



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For these patterns, send 35c for each pattern ordered, in coins, your name, address, pattern number and size wanted to Barbara Bell, East Bay Labor Journal, 367 W. Adams Street, Chicago 6, Ill.

## Home appliances span about 15 yrs.

How long do homemakers cling to their old trusty range? According to figures gleaned from a recent survey of 17,500 owners made by the Institute of Home Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture, new gas and electric ranges purchased this year will serve for approximately fifteen years. New electric refrigerators will receive about the same number of years' use by the original purchaser. The newly acquired washing machine, regardless of type, will be washing the family clothes for about nine years. Ranges, according to the statistics, have a shorter life span in rural areas, indicating that country homemakers cook and bake more than their city cousins.

## Women in This World

By **EDITH McCONN**

**THE GREAT "NAME"** European dress designers recently decreed that this season women should wear a sort of meal sack with a draw-string at the bottom, or at any rate, a sack-like garment of some sort, narrowing at the hem, which comes just below the knees.

If this decree had gone forth some sixty or seventy or more years ago, we should probably have seen all American "ladies of fashion" going around looking like bags of groceries.

What do we see now? American women laugh breezily and go on buying the sort of clothes they have been buying for some years past. A few of course, who love extremes and have the money to indulge their whims, will briefly accept this decree of the "name" designers.

The fact is, however that whatever woes and ills this century has brought us, (and it has brought us plenty,) it has also brought this freedom to women of the western world.

Even in the late nineteenth century all women wore sidewalk-sweeping skirts, bustles, corsets and plume-laden hats atop astonishing piles of hair.

The famous Mrs. Bloomer rebelled, and devised a hideous garment still bearing her name. It never gained popularity. Most women went on scrubbing, cleaning, riding bicycles and working in the fields clad in wide heel-length skirts.

We still have "fashion," but only teen-agers are slaves to its various fads. For mature women there is complete freedom.

A woman may wear slacks, jeans, shorts, pedal pushers, short skirts or long skirts, tight or full, wide hats, small hats, or no hat, and no one pays the slightest attention.

A woman may wear her hair cut short like a boy's, elaborately curled, or long and straight, drawn back in a bun, or in any other fashion she can think of, and no one comments.

Whether we remember it or not, we women are the benefactors of a great boon. The twentieth century has freed the slaves of fashion.

## Imagine!

I can't imagine a wife having money in her presence and not looking at it or discussing it.—Judge Harry J. Neubarth, S. F., hearing ownership claims to discovered fortune.

**BAY AREA** Pollution Control District will soon begin a program of "stack sampling" to study air pollution caused by industrial processes and commercial incineration in the six-county region.

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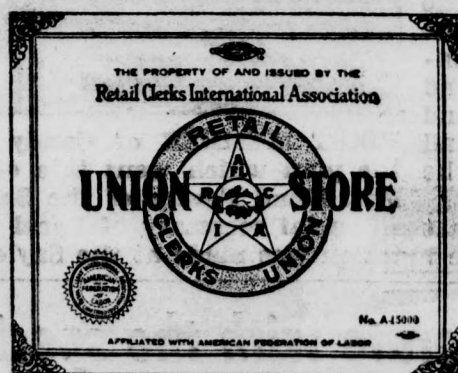
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# Labor unions urge big vote for education

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We must provide for our greatly increased school enrollment, and the even greater attendance of the near future. We owe it to our children to vote YES on Tuesday."

Organizations recommending a YES vote for schools Tuesday include:

Oakland Council of Dads Clubs, P-TA 28th District, Oakland Chamber of Commerce, Building Trades Council—AFL-CIO, Oakland Teacher's Association, Central Labor Council—AFLCIO, Alameda County Industries, Inc., Oakland Federation of Teachers — AFLCIO, Downtown Property Owners Association.

Paint Makers Union, Sunset District Community Council, Sheet Metal Workers' Union, United Steelworkers of America, Women's Auxiliary of California Chiropractors Assn., Oakland, Board of Directors of the Lions Club of Oakland, Alumnae Association of the College of the Holy Names, Eastmont - Castlemont Business and Professional Association.

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**LABOR SEMINAR** of the East Bay holds luncheon meeting at noon Tuesday, February 18, at New Milani's, Telegraph and Grand. UC Professor of Economics R. A. Gordon speaks on "Unemployment."

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## Postal pay bill hearing next week

The House Post Office and Civil Service Committee will definitely hold hearings this coming Monday on a postal pay increase bill, according to A. B. McClintock, secretary of the Postal Central Council here.

The next day, Tuesday, February 18, says McClintock, Senator Lyndon Johnson, majority leader, has had scheduled for discussion and vote on S 27, the measure the postal unions are backing.

"Congressman George P. Miller predicts speedy passage in the Senate," adds McClintock, "but states that we may have a fight on our hands in the House. George does not gloss over facts to make us feel good, so it behooves everyone interested to send in letters and telegrams."

The bill the postal unions are backing provides for a 7½% wage increase, and a \$20 per month cost of living bonus.

The AFLCIO executive council has sent a message to all members of Congress urging the passage of S 27 to help the postal employees, and S 734 for the classified employees in other branches.

## COUNTY WILL CHECK LISTS FOR REGISTER

Unions are reminded that County Clerk Jack Blue will have union membership lists checked to find who is registered and who is not, if the union wishes to have this done, at a cost of 5 cents per name.

Time is of the essence in this, as February, the month during which the great house to house canvass and other special methods are being employed to get all eligible citizens registered, is already half gone.

## Tommy Roberts in bequests to labor

The law firm of Smith & Parrish has informed the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council that the late T. J. Roberts, who was a delegate to both councils, left bequests of money to both of them.

Charles Garoni, Linoleum Layers 1290, who is himself a delegate to both councils, moved at this week's meeting of the CLC that a joint committee of the councils be set up to plan a memorial to Roberts.

## They got the mail from man beloved

Al Renard, member of Letter Carriers 76, who recently retired after 35 years carrying of the mail on Route 84, was the central figure of a party attended by 300 of the people whom he had so faithfully served day by day.

The party was held at the Methodist hall, McGee and Kansas Streets, with residents present from streets Renard served so long: Madeline, Arizona, California, Florida, Maple, Laurel, Hillview, Silverwood, Aspen.

Gifts were presented to the surprised hero of the occasion, and a \$350 cash "bonus" from the folks. Refreshments were served, including cakes made by the ladies on the route.

H. L. Valleroy and a committee sponsored the affair. Committee members included Gus Wickstad, Mrs. Bode, Mrs. Bardeau, and Mrs. Pollmeyer.

There are 418 persons served on the route. Renard is so popular, said Valleroy, that 90% of them contributed to the success of the affair.

Oakland Mayor Clifford Rishell, Postmaster C. C. Herrick, and other municipal and postal officials were present.

## Carpenters Apprentice Committee State meeting at Monterey February 25

Leaders in the educational, contracting fields, local, state and national officials, have been invited to attend the annual meeting of the Carpenters' State Apprentice Committee, it was announced by Joseph F. Cambiano, president of the California State Council of Carpenters.

The State Council sponsors the meeting annually to bring all factors interested in improving apprenticeship standards together.

The meeting will be held morning and afternoon, Tuesday, February 25, in the San Carlos Hotel, Monterey, preliminary to the 30th annual convention of the State Council Wednesday through Saturday.

## Young GOP makes a 'hit' in Chronicle, not Trib

"Young GOP here hits work-right" was a Chronicle headline February 6.

"Young GOP for union democracy" was the Tribune's headline the same day on the same news item.

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4. More Teachers
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6. Up-to-date Equipment

## AMONG LEADING ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE ENDORSED THE SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION ARE:

Oakland Council of Dads Clubs  
FTA - 28th District  
Oakland Chamber of Commerce  
Building Trades Council - AFL-CIO  
Oakland Teacher's Association  
Central Labor Council - AFL-CIO  
Alameda County Industries, Inc.  
Oakland Federation of Teachers - AFL-CIO  
Downtown Property Owners Association

OAKLAND GOOD SCHOOLS COMMITTEE  
Central Chairman: Henry J. Kaiser, Jr.  
Co-Chairmen: Lawrence S. Simon, Mrs. Ruby Margossian



# VOTE YES FOR OAKLAND SCHOOLS TUES. FEB. 18



## Company unionist boils over when Finks is appointed

Harry Finks, secretary of the Sacramento Labor Council and a vice president of the State Federation of Labor, has been appointed to the State Personnel Board by Governor Goodwin J. Knight.

Sam Hanson, general manager of the company union for State employees, officially known as the California State Employees Association, has announced that "we will immediately launch our campaign against State Senate confirmation of the appointment."

The five-member board has powers connected with the hiring, firing, wages, and working conditions of 80,000 State civil service employees. Board members receive \$6200 annually; the post is considered a part time job.

Hanson claims that since Finks is connected with a labor organization, the State AFL, which includes State employees who belong to unions collecting dues, he is disqualified from office under a State law which forbids State officers from soliciting or receiving any "assessments" from State civil servants.

Labor people point out that there are many union officials who are members of State commissions, and that C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the State AFL body of which Finks is a vice president, has long been unchallenged as a Regent of the University of California, a State institution which has many dues-paying unionists among its employees.

## Berkeley Fire Fighters install new president

Lieutenant Robert Kearney has been installed as president of Berkeley Fire Fighters 1227.

The retiring president, Lieutenant William Rounds, and Captain Al Albertoni, Oakland, who heads the State organization of the union, acted as installing officers.

## Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

At the special called meeting held February 6 the membership voted to assess all members of Local 342 the sum of one dollar, which will be forwarded to the California State Federation of Labor to help defray expenses in combating the "right to work" measure.

As you know this petition entitled, "Employers-Employee Relations", is now being circulated for the necessary 322,429 signatures of qualified voters by June 26, 1958 to place this measure on the November 4 ballot. **DO NOT SIGN THIS PETITION.**

The California State Federation of Labor will use all monies collected for advertising on radio, television, bill boards and other publicity channels. The money is needed immediately; therefore, we would appreciate it if you will forward your dollar to this business office as soon as possible. There is no legal prohibition against the use of union funds or assessments for such purposes, we have been advised by Secretary Haggerty of the State Federation of Labor.

Please register to vote if you have not already done so. Also, please see that your family and friends also register and vote at the primary and general elections to be held in 1958.

Registrations for delegates to the California Pipe Trades Council convention are now open. For details regarding this please see notice in this East Bay Labor Journal column of union meeting notices.

## Carpenters Auxiliary

By WAVA M. BARBER

February 5 a special meeting was held at the home of the president, Elanore Clapp. There will be a dinner party later.

Attending were Wilma Frazier, Erma Jenkins, Jo Wheeler, Bea Cameron, Agnes Anderson, Annie Elvin, Alta Benonys, Myrtle Artman, Aline Haake, Martha Light and guest Lonnie Benonys. Lunch was served.

Bea and Bill Cameron—celebrated their 28th wedding an-

niversary this month. Congratulations.

Julia Sjoberg and Anna Strand were hostesses for the social held February 7. A good time was enjoyed by those present.

**February 18—Sewing at 8 p.m. home of Agnes Anderson—Bring your needle and thimbles.**

**February 28—The regular business meeting, Hall 761 - 12th St.** Wilma's husband Howell Frazier is to undergo an operation. We hope he'll soon be out, Wilma.

## Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

In writing about the Hawthorne Watch Company having signed our union agreement, we neglected to mention that Raul Rodriguez, one of the boys discharged for union activity, was returned to the job. He also received back pay due him.

This is a reminder to register for the coming election. Also remember—proof of registration in accordance with the union by-laws will be required, immediately following the primary election. Some of the members are beginning to bring their proof of registration to the office already.

**Executive Board Meeting:** The Executive Board will meet on Thursday, February 20th at 7 p.m.—Union Office.

## Typographical Auxiliary

By DOROTHY SPORKIN

For the time being we are relinquishing the idea of the telephone whist parties, in lieu of which our new member Wilma Hackett graciously consented to furnish her home for a whist party. The whist party will be Thursday February 20, 12:30 p.m. Appointed members will bring the cakes and other refreshments. Coffee will be served by the hostess.

We want to make it a huge success so we urge all who read this to contact other members and bring as many friends as possible. The address is 5681 Keith Avenue, Oakland 18. Take Bus 51, get off at Shafter Avenue and College Avenue, walk back a short distance to Keith Avenue.

Wilma informed me she received the endorsement for the 16th State Assembly District, on Saturday, February 8, by the Alameda County Democratic endorsing convention, at the Oakland auditorium. Congratulations and success, Wilma.

**BOYCOTT ON HALE'S** should be launched, in the opinion of Edwin Porreca of the Rubber Workers, as expressed to the Central Labor Council. The executive committee is looking into the matter.

## Theatrical Local B-82

By JOE CONNELLY

Petitions are now being circulated for reduction of the state tax. Members who are registered voters are urged to sign these petitions.

Labor endorsed this measure at a special "right to work" meeting held January 25 in San Francisco. In order to qualify this measure for the ballot 322,429 signatures must be obtained. If you are not a registered voter for any reason you are urged to register at the earliest opportunity. This petition is orange or yellow colored. The petition on the "right to work" issue is green and should not be signed by anyone, unless they are in favor of working more hours for less pay.

**In addition to labor, leading clergymen of many denominations are opposed to the so-called "right to work" measure. Among them are Bishop Buddy of the Catholic Diocese of San Diego, Dr. Max Nussbaum, Rabbi of Temple Israel, Hollywood, and the Reverend Andrew Juvinall, Pastor of the First Methodist church, Napa. Even closer to home we find in opposition to this vicious measure Reverend Andrew Boss, S. J., director of the USF Labor - Management School, Reverend William Hunt, St. James AME Zion Church, San Mateo; Rabbi Sanford Rosen of Temple Beth-El, San Mateo; and the Reverend J. Henry Meyer, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, San Mateo.**

While these various denominations may differ on theological dogma, they are united on a very high moral plane in opposing these better named "right to wreck" proposals, which would hurt the worker.

Up and down the aisle . . . Sally Castro leaving the T & D . . . Former member Gerald Hill looking for a theater spot again . . . The next meeting is scheduled for February 20 (3rd Thursday) at 11 p.m. . . Note the new time. Installation of officers is one of the orders of business that night . . . **Bob Northmore, replacing Mr. Papandrew** as manager of the Parkway . . . "Pappy" in turn replacing **Jacqueline Spell** at the Tower. She is now in Reno.

## Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAS

All members of Carpenters 36 are urgently requested to read the Special Notice to members of that union in the Official Union Notices column of this issue of East Bay Labor Journal.

The Special Notice warns all members of Carpenters 36 against a communication purporting to have come from the union, but which was NOT authorized by the union.

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## Cost of living in bay area whopping 6% over 1956 figures

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While most Bay Area householders are already painfully aware of this situation, it was statistically confirmed with the publication of the Committee's annual family budgets for the San Francisco Bay region. Compiled for two income levels, the over-all costs of both budgets rose more sharply between 1956 and 1957 than in any year since 1953, when they were revised, the Heller report shows.

In 1957, the salaried worker and the wage earner who owns his home spent slightly over six percent more than in 1956. The budget for the wage earner who rents his home was up 4.3 percent. There were increases in all the major categories of the salaried worker's budget, and in all but one category of the wage earner's budget. The one exception was in the wage earner's total transportation cost which remained the same due to a slight drop in the purchase price of a used car.

The salaried worker had a total budget of \$8,885 in 1957. Food was the major item in his costs, amounting to \$2,184. He spent about \$36 a week for meals eaten at home, and \$416 of his total food budget for meals away from home, compared to the \$33 spent for outside snacks by wage-earner families.

The most spectacular rise for both income levels was that of home ownership—between 14 and 15 percent. For the salaried worker, the price of a home was \$16,256 or nearly 6 percent above 1956. The mortgage was approximately 5½ percent above 1956, and the down payment was nearly 7½ percent higher than the previous year. The length of the mortgage dropped 25 to 23 years, while the interest rate rose from 4½ to 5½ percent. These changes, coupled with a larger mortgage, brought an increase of 19½ percent in the monthly principal and interest payments.

The Committee's 1956 budgets were based on prices obtained in San Francisco, the Oakland area, the San Mateo area, Berkeley and the Walnut Creek area for the salaried worker; and in San Francisco, and the Oakland, Richmond, San Leandro and South San Francisco areas for the wage earner.

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# OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

## AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546 CARPENTERS 36

### SPECIAL NOTICE

Voting on Grand Lodge Referendum to increase Per Capita Tax to create a strike benefit of \$35.00 per week is available in Financial Secretary's office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily beginning February 5th and ending February 18th.

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

### POLITICAL LEAGUE

This is to notify all members of 1546 that the Machinists Non-partisan Political League will meet in regular session, Monday, February 17 at 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

Fraternally yours,  
HARRY LEAR, Secretary  
M. N. P. P. L.

## STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

Registrations are now open for delegates to the California State Pipe Trades Council convention to be held April 25, 26 and 27, 1958 at Hotel Leamington, Oakland.

There will be first reading of registrations at the membership meeting to be held February 20, 1958. Registrations will be closed February 27, 1958 at 9:00 p.m. Election of delegates will be held at the special called membership meeting to be held March 20, 1958. The polls will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Also, at this election the members will vote to apply the .25c increase already negotiated, effective July 1, 1958, as wages or on a vacation plan.

Fraternally yours,  
JAMES MARTIN,  
Financial Secretary,  
Business Manager

## CARPENTERS 194

Unless otherwise specified, the Alameda Carpenter Local will meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 2305 Alameda Ave., Alameda.

Fraternally yours,  
J. W. NIXON,  
Recording Secretary

## PAINTERS LOCAL 127

Brothers be sure and get out and vote Tuesday, February 18, 1958 on the School Tax increase vote yes. Tell your friends the same. Oakland could use a little cleaning up. Also be sure and sign the orange petition on cutting your State Income Tax. They are being taken around from door to door throughout the State.

Hope to see you at the next meeting of the Local March 13, 1958.

Fraternally yours,  
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,  
Recording Secretary

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

The Stewards Committee will meet Thursday, at 8 p.m., February 20, 1958.

The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. February 26, 1958.

All meetings will be held at the above specified address.

### SPECIAL NOTICE! CARPENTERS 36!

All members of Carpenters 36 are requested to ignore completely a letter sent out purporting to be from the office of this union.

The communication was absolutely unauthorized, and was not signed by any officer of the union, whatever seeming signature it carried.

If you filled out the addressed and postaged card which the communication contained, and sent it in to the addressee, please write to the Continental Casualty Company at the address given on the said card, 1916 Polk Street, San Francisco, and ask for the return of the card.

This matter will be taken up at the next meeting of the union, and the whole situation clarified for all the members.

Fraternally yours,  
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 1158

Berkeley Local 1158 meets regularly on the second and fourth Friday of each month unless otherwise specified. Meetings at 8:00 p.m. at 2168 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley.

Fraternally,  
H. B. RICHARDSON,  
Recording Secretary

## HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at union headquarters at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 1958. Members please attend!

Fraternally,  
ROY WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

## HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Special meetings seem to be the regular procedure with us nowadays. The special meeting called to follow the regular meeting Friday, February 21st is to elect a vice president; one delegate to the old Southern Alameda County Voters League, now called Council On Political Education, and six delegates to the Central Labor Council of Alameda County.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

## AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, February 18, in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street.

Fraternally,  
LESLIE K. MOORE,  
Business Representative

## CLERKS AND LUMBER HANDLERS 939

The next regular meeting will be held on Friday, February 28, 1958. All regular meetings thereafter will be held on the fourth Friday of each month until further notice.

Death assessment No. 6 is now due and payable.

Fraternally yours,  
A. R. ESTES,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 1622

The February 14 basket social will be postponed to February 21 because of unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances.

As previously announced the basket social was arranged for a brother who has suffered a blood clot on the brain which is causing loss of vision.

Dancing and entertainment will follow the sale of baskets. Proceeds will be used to send the brother to the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, for treatment in an effort to restore his sight.

The local will hold the Thursday, February 13 and Friday, February 28 meeting as previously announced.

Fraternally yours,  
MARIUS WALDAL,  
Recording Secretary

## S. F. OAKLAND MAILERS 18

The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union, No. 18 will be held at California Hall, 625 Polk Street, San Francisco, California on Sunday afternoon, February 16, 1958 at 1 p.m.

Fraternally yours,  
DUNCAN C. ROSS,  
Secretary

## SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Sheet Metal Workers of Local No. 216 are again reminded to make arrangements to be present at the special meeting of the membership which will be held Wednesday, February 19, 1958 at 8:00 p.m. You will receive official notice by mail.

Fraternally,  
LLOYD CHILD,  
Bus. Rep.

## UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

United Steelworkers Local 1798 will meet Friday, February 28, 1958, 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Hall D, Oakland.

Fraternally,  
DOROTHY McDAID,  
Recording Secretary

## Op Engineers to study at Harvard

Herb Sims, business representative, Operating Engineers 39, and a member of the Central Labor Council executive committee, will be at Harvard University from February 18 to June 16, taking the 13-week course of that famous school's Trade Union Program. Don R. Kinchloe of the Oakland office of Local 3 will also take the course.

Men are selected from unions all over the country who intend to make a career of union representation, and who have already had considerable practical experience.

In addition to studies in economics, political science, etc., there are practical studies in organizing techniques, strike situations, internal union government, problems of individual union members, and internal union relationships.

Two classes are shared with representatives of business.

The international union shares in the expense of the project.

After Kinchloe and Sims have finished their studies, which are said to involve about 12 hours study a day six days a week, they will become members of the Alumni Association. As such, they will receive bulletins from the university containing valuable information on labor problems. Also, they will have the privilege of writing to the university for advice and information.

## Knowland cinches saddle of horse in State race

Senator Knowland, already the avowed enemy of labor on the open shop "right to work" proposal, cinched the saddle of his horse in the race for the Governorship good and tight the other day by announcing that he is against labor's initiative to cut the sales tax.

## Weisberger reelected; SUP backs ILWU strike; ship gamblers attacked

Seafaring unions made headlines during the last week or so on three fronts:

1—Morris Weisberger was returned to office as secretary-treasurer of the Sailors Union of the Pacific. He succeeded the late Harry Lundeberg in the post in January a year ago.

2—Weisberger announced that while his union has had, and doubtless will have, grave differences with the independent ILWU headed by Harry Bridges, the strike of ILWU sugar workers in Hawaii is recognized by the SUP as a legitimate one. He added: "The Sailors Union of the Pacific will do nothing to assist the sugar plantation owners in trying to break the strike."

3—Ed Turner of the Marine Cooks, a vice president of the Seafarers International Union, announced that the seafaring unions will cooperate in squelching professional gamblers who ship as crew members and then "take aboard a regular bankroll and set up in business."

## No Mar. 3 CLC meeting; COPE convention instead

The Central Labor Council has canceled its Monday, March 3 meeting, to make room for the meeting of the Council on Political Education (COPE). The date previously set for the COPE meeting was found to conflict with important union meetings.

## Tribute to Arnold

The Central Labor Council adjourned this week in respect to the memory of Jack Arnold, secretary-treasurer, Long Beach Culinary 681, and a vice president of the State Federation, who died last week.

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## NAACP backs labor against open shop Bill Maloney out; more Local 3 quiz

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has sent a letter to the Central Labor Council stating that it strongly endorses organized labor's fight against the proposed compulsory open shop "right to work" measure.

The communication is signed by Franklin H. Williams, secretary-counsel of the organization, and by C. L. Dellums, regional chairman. Dellums is the leader of the Sleeping Car Porters here.

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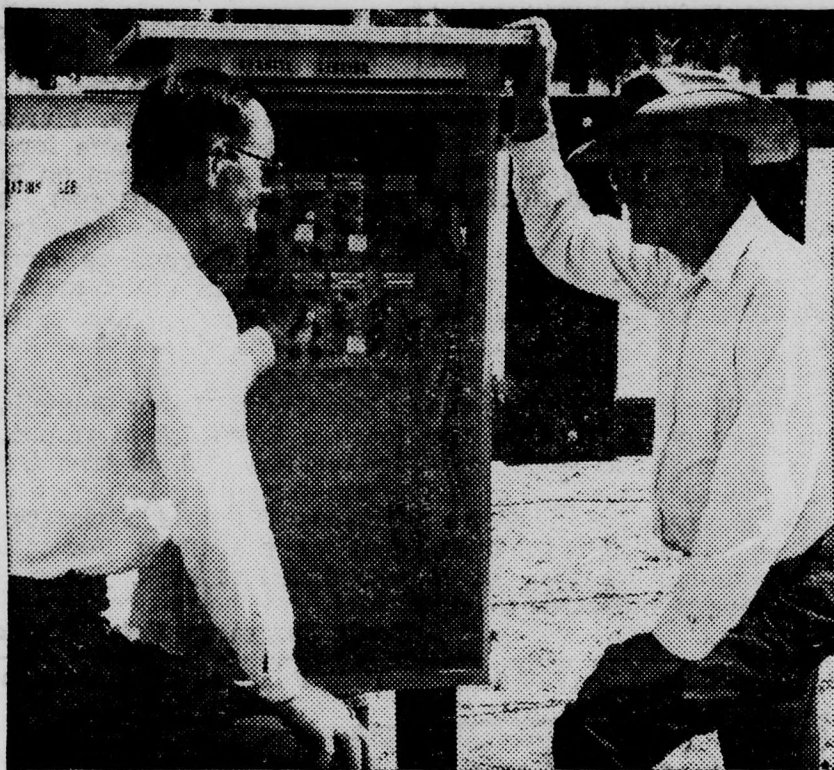
William E. Maloney, for many years president of the Operating Engineers International Union, resigned his post as the McClellan Committee went deeper into his financial affairs.

At the same time investigation of deals in the sale of cars belonging to Local 3 of the union in San Francisco were being investigated. The officers of Local 3 whose names are involved in the investigation have already resigned, as reported previously by East Bay Labor Journal.

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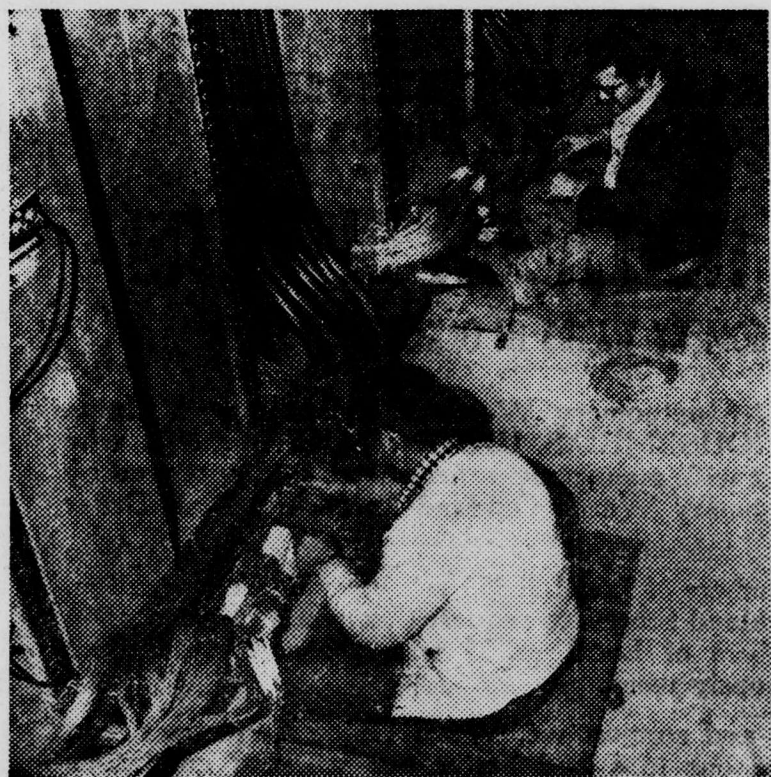
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Pictured here are two cable splicers, performing one of the many operations necessary in giving telephone service to the residents of East Oakland and San Leandro.

These two men, and others like them, are working on a large construction project in San Leandro, and will have spliced together 21,816 copper wire conductors, when the project is completed.

## BTC warned all fringes are menaced by open shop scheme

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by Childers to affiliate. The per capita is low, and the tasks before labor's political branch urgent, he said. At the first meeting a committee of the new COPE was held to discuss the four candidates for the Democratic nomination for State Senate and the 15th Assembly District.

### CREDENTIALS

Credentials for delegates were accepted as follows: Hod Carriers 166, Sheldon Coats; Plumbers 444, Dominick J. Mooney; Roofers 81, L. H. Thomas.

### REFRIGERATION PACT

Steamfitters 342 filed their new refrigeration contract. Details of the agreement were printed in the Steamfitters column in last issue of East Bay Labor Journal.

### CLAREMONT HOTEL

Childers pointed out that the Oakland Planning Commission, of which Hugh Rutledge, Painters 127, is vice chairman, had okayed the proposed 8-story addition to the Claremont Hotel, to which some Berkeley citizens had objected.

Rutledge then told the delegates how important to the building trades the \$2,000,000 project, with perhaps an additional \$1,000,000 in incidental improvements, would be.

Childers said that both Rutledge on the Oakland Planning Commission and Joseph Pruss, Sheet Metal 216, on the Oakland Redevelopment Commission, deserved great credit for the many hours of hard work they were putting in on these important city boards.

### NIGHT COURT

Charles Roe, Hayward Carpenters 1622, called attention to the scheduled observance of the seventh anniversary of the Hayward night court instituted by Judge Foley. Roe said it had been of great benefit to working people who otherwise would have to take time off in the daytime to attend court.

### NEW CONSTITUTION

The delegates voted to lift from the table the new constitution and bylaws. This clears the way for further discussion by the Board of Business Agents and, later, the council delegates.

### BTC PACT

It was announced that a BTC contract has been signed by the Sherman Crane Company.

### LEGISLATIVE MEET

As reported last week by East Bay Labor Journal, the council at its last meeting voted to send Childers to the legislative conference to be held in March in Washington by the AFLCIO Building and Construction Trades Department. Part of the discussion which preceded the

vote was held out of last week's edition due to space shortage, and was as follows:

Ed Gulbransen, Painters 127, suggested that money and time could be saved by conferring with members of Congress when they were here at home.

Childers said that some might think it was a joyride to go to such a conference, but that personally he had found it very hard work. He had had all the trips he needed for a lifetime, but he felt that this trip was essential. He pointed out that Senator Kuchel after the November election will be the senior Senator from this State, and that much time has been spent explaining to Kuchel labor's stand on legislative matters, and should continue to be spent. Childers said he spent a total of 7 hours at the conference last year with Kuchel and his staff.

Even "affable John" Allen, Representative of the 7th Congressional District, was beginning to pay more attention, added Childers.

Marius Waldal, Hayward Carpenters 1622, said that he was for 13 sessions a member of the Minnesota Legislature, and knew by personal experience how important the constituents can be in shaping legislation.

Reynolds explained that opposing the sending of a delegate he had not meant to imply it was a joyride.

Garoni concluded the discussion by reiterating his belief that previous conferences hadn't accomplished much, and that the long fight the council had made in Washington on the hard money policy, for instance, had borne no fruit.

## Labor observing Brotherhood Week

Brotherhood Week, sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, was observed throughout the United States this week. In the East Bay observances were held by various groups.

AFLCIO President George Meany said:

"Discrimination because of race, creed, color or national origin is divisive. It breeds hate, rancor and conflict. The American labor movement is conceived in the idea of brotherhood. Its work consists of advancing the welfare of all who work."

"Organized labor is founded on the principle of brotherhood. We strive and work for full and general acceptance of equal opportunity in order to realize the full measure of brotherhood among men."

## Labor's attention called to Demos' chosen candidates

Attention was called this week at the Central Labor Council by Secretary Robert S. Ash to the endorsements made at the convention of the Alameda County Democratic Clubs Saturday at Oakland auditorium. Endorsements were:

7th Congressional District — Jeffrey Cohelan of Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees 302, a Berkeley City Councilman.

8th Congressional District — Representative George P. Miller for reelection.

State Senate — John Holmdahl, an Oakland City Councilman.

13th Assembly District — Assemblyman Carlos Bee for reelection.

14th A. D. — Assemblyman Robert Crown for reelection.

15th A. D. — Nicholas Petris.

16th A. D. — Wilma Hackett.

17th A. D. — Assemblyman Byron Rumford for reelection.

18th A. D. — Winton McKibben.

2nd Supervisorial District — Supervisor Francis Dunn Jr. for reelection.

The only contests were for the State Senate nomination and that for the 15th Assembly District.

George L. Rice and Anga Bjornson, both with many labor connections, were candidates for the State Senate nomination, and it was on the fourth ballot that Holmdahl prevailed. The votes of the 718 delegates voting on that endorsement split various ways among these candidates during the balloting, with E. Guy Warren, Hayward business man, drawing some votes, although his name was not formally submitted to the convention.

There was a total of 778 accredited delegates.

For the 15th A. D. nomination Mrs. Myrtle Williams, secretary-treasurer of the Institute of Social Welfare, contested with Petris. Petris, an attorney, had strong labor support.

Winton McKibben, endorsed for the 18th A. D. post, made a remarkable run in the special election held last year in that district.

John J. King, Grand Lodge representative for the International Association of Machinists, and a member of the Oakland Board of Education, presided over the convention.

Glenn M. Anderson of Los Angeles, the California Democratic Council's nominee for Lieutenant Governor, made the keynote address. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, the Democratic Council's candidate for Governor, told the delegates that not in years had he seen such enthusiasm as is now evidenced by the Democratic Party.

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## Clerk boycott of Montgomery Ward active in State

Scores of unions throughout the state are throwing their support to the Retail Clerks in their six-week-old strike and boycott against Montgomery Ward, according to the California Retail Clerks Strike and Boycott Committee.

Each day brings new requests from local unions and central labor bodies for literature, "Don't monkey with Wards" stamps and other materials to use in informing their members of the Clerks' efforts to win a decent contract from the giant mailorder and chain store.

Back of the local, on-the-spot support is the support, too, of the AFLCIO as well as the California State Federation of Labor. Both organizations have said they see in Wards' stand a serious challenge to the basic reason for existence of labor unions.

Wards has stood stubbornly for more than six months on the proposition that it could not agree to any across-the-board pay raise for Wards employees represented by Retail Clerks Union. The company has insisted that wages must be determined unilaterally by local store managers without consulting the clerks or their unions.

## Backing of Clerks at Ward's affirmed

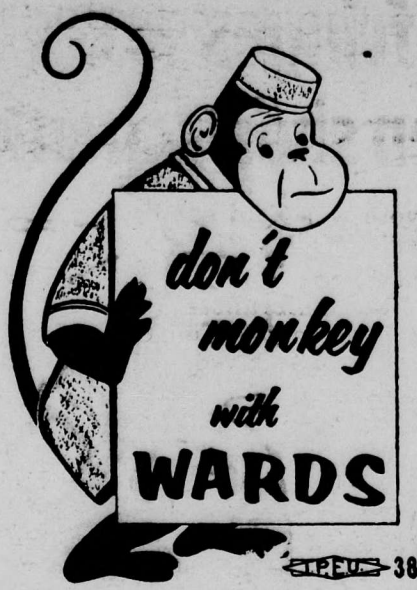
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the boycott be called off at the Oakland store.

Philpott, regional director for the Retail Clerks, presented a resolution adopted by the international executive board of his union, thanking all helping in the boycott, and CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash read it to the council. The full text will be printed in the next issue of East Bay Labor Journal.

## Paint Makers win Williams contract

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will be rendered to all unions contributing to the long struggle, said Ceremello. He said that the Teamsters had helped greatly by observing the picket line, and that the union wished to express heartfelt gratitude to all who had helped.

Besides a wage increase, improvement in various fringes, the contract provides a measure of the union security which at first the company had insisted it would not concede.



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## Tax cut petitions procedure is told

Frank Sumerville of the Robinson Company outlined to the Central Labor Council this week the procedures in collecting signatures for the sales and lower income tax relief initiative backed by organized labor.

Copies of the petitions were left at the office of CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash, and many were taken out by delegates to get signatures.

The Robinson Company, an old hand at getting signatures for initiative petitions, has an office at 577 - 14th Street in the Thayer building, room 305. Petitions with a list of signatures can be turned in there, or at the CLC office.

Summerville warned that circulators of petitions must be registered in the county where they gather signatures, must NOT be serving as deputy registrars. A deputy registrar can sign, but cannot circulate.

Since 322,429 signatures (8% of those voting in the last election for Governor) are required, and since a certain proportion of the signatures always prove to be invalid, Summerville stressed the importance of speed in circulating the petitions, and getting them turned in for checking.

## Hightower says quorum is needed for committee

Joseph Hightower, Carpenters 36, a member of the Central Labor Council investigating committee which passes on applications of new delegates, told the council this week that sometimes not enough members of the committee show up to make a quorum. It was agreed that President Al Brown and Secretary Robert S. Ash will meet with the present committee members and discuss the matter.

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

## Big Boiler, Welder Local 10 set up

Boilermakers 39 and Welders & Burners 681 are merging into one big local union with more than 3000 members, effective April 1 of this year.

The new organization will be Local 10 of the international union.

C. W. Huddleston of 681 will be business representative, and Owen Birch of 39 will be financial secretary.

Assistant business representatives will be A. Ziebler of 39, Joe Nobriga of 681, W. G. Cummings of 681, and O. M. "Bob" Bachand of 39.

The headquarters will be in the Boilermakers building, 750 14th Street, Oakland.

## Unemployment insurance topic at Cannery meet

The membership of Hayward Cannery Workers Union Local 768 assembled at Cannery Workers' Hall to view movies and hear representatives of the State Department of Employment Tuesday evening, February 4, 1958.

George J. Croda, the department's labor relations representative showed motion pictures on unemployment insurance and spoke to the assembly on unemployment and disability insurance.

Croda also introduced Linton Bradley, manager of the Hayward Employment Office, who spoke on the local programs of the department.

Question and answer periods were provided by each of the speakers and departmental literature was distributed to each member present.

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## Good schools group sends thanks to CLC

Chairman Henry J. Kaiser Jr., of the Good Schools Committee thanked the Central Labor Council for its support of the proposition to increase the Oakland school tax by \$1.12 to finance needed building.

The tax increase will be voted on February 18.

In his letter to CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash, Kaiser said:

"Your endorsement of the proposition that will be submitted to the citizens of Oakland on February 18 has given added momentum to this all-important issue."

"We know that we count on your continued efforts to maintain the high standards of education that our school system has set through the years."

The CLC has urged that unions send financial contributions for the school tax increase campaign to the Good Schools Committee, Room 209, 428 - 13th Street, Oakland.

## 50,000 walk out of ousted Bakery Union

Seventy-six locals with 50,000 members have affiliated with the AFLCIO American Bakery and Confectionery Workers, voting at local union meetings to quit the ousted Bakery and Confectionery Workers.

In New York City, a cleanup faction in BCWU's largest unit, Local 3 with 7,000 members, elected a slate of six delegates to attend the union's convention March 3 to 5 in Cincinnati. They will oppose the reelection of president James G. Cross, indicted for embezzlement of union funds.

Cross' refusal to resign was a key factor in the decision by the AFLCIO convention to expel the BCWU. The ABC was established as a union for bakery workers. —AFLCIO News.

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## Sunkist interlock with big business

Sunkist, the big citrus growers organization, which is now under fire from organized labor because of its reactionary labor policy, has interlocking connections with the whole structure of corporate agriculture in California.

This is brought out clearly in a chart to which Jack Strelo, business representative of the AFLCIO Sugar Workers Council, calls attention.

The chart shows how four officers and three directors of Sunkist, through holding office of one sort or another in various big business agricultural groups, interpenetrate the whole.

The interconnected big business outfits include: California Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, Agricultural Council of California, Agricultural Producers Labor Committee, California Farm Bureau.

Strelo points out that material collected with the chart shows that the Sunkist interlocks shown in the chart are essentially the same as were revealed in the LaFollette investigation of the 30's.

The California Chamber of Commerce was described by the LaFollette Committee as "the institution equivalent to a top holding company of employers associations in industrial agriculture."

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## THANKS TO THE LABOR MOVEMENT, OF WHICH OUR RETAIL CLERKS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION IS A LOYAL, GRATEFUL, CONSTITUENT PART!

The Central Labor Council of Alameda County at its meeting Monday, February 10, 1958, reaffirmed strongly its support of the consumer boycott of all Montgomery Ward stores throughout the United States, including the Montgomery Ward store in Oakland. The Central Labor Council also authorized a committee to help the boycott.

This boycott was authorized by the recent AFLCIO convention, it has the strong personal support of President George Meany. Our international executive board has thanked the national AFLCIO "for the magnificent fraternal support we are receiving," and we sincerely cite those same words to express the deep gratitude we feel to the unions of the Central Labor Council for their reaffirmed support to us in Oakland.

We are fighting what our international executive board has rightly called "the oppressive and arrogant policy of this powerful corporation." And with the help of our brothers and sisters in the labor movement we shall win!

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## Vote schools Tuesday! Register! Sign orange!

This present month of February, now half gone, is a busy month politically for our labor unions in this area.

This coming Tuesday, February 18, citizens of Oakland go to the polls to decide whether they wish to give their school system a chance to improve and meet the challenge of a constantly increasing number of children, or prefer to let it go on sliding down hill.

To give the school system a chance to improve will cost a little more tax money. Are the kids worth it? Officially and through its elected spokesmen labor has said the kids are worth it. It's up to you folks who read this to decide whether you individually agree with this or not. Don't forget: next Tuesday.

Don't forget this, either: this is registration month in Alameda County. County Clerk Jack Blue is sending a thousand deputy registrars on a house to house canvass of every home in the County. If they find unregistered people there, they will register them. If no one is home, they will leave card checked for whether or not resident is shown as registered on county rolls. Besides the house to house job, registrars will be stationed at firehouses and at city clerk's office in each city.

Cooperate! Get registered! Many of these deputy registrars are labor people. Why? Because alert labor people know this is the year of the big decision. Every vote is needed to beat Senator Knowland's wreck-the-unions crowd and its "right to work" compulsory open shop initiative.

A third thing to remember: That open shop initiative petition is green. Don't sign the green! That tax relief measure which will cut down the sales tax and cut down also your income tax as a low income or middle income person is orange. Sign the orange!

## The old ragbag totter!

Old John L. Lewis, with his six-bit jargon, his District 50 universal ragbag, and his ingenious cantankerousness, is still in there pitching.

Just last week the Supreme Court upheld his District 50 in its contention that workers have a right to be represented by a union even though the officials of the union have failed to file non-Communist affidavits under the Taft-Hartley Act.

Lewis and Woodruff Randolph, president of the Typographical Union, have consistently and persistently maintained that unions made a mistake in subjecting themselves to the tender mercies of the Taft-Hartley setup of the NLRB. Both the United Mine Workers and the Typos have stayed out of it. Now their position is upheld by the highest court in the land.

Call it stubbornness or just plain courage—whatever it is, it often wins out in the end.

## Crocodile tears and hogwash

The San Francisco News did a good job in exposing the phoniness of the claim that it was a group of authentic labor people in Los Angeles sponsoring the petition for the "right to work" compulsory open shop petition on the November ballot. The News account shows how little unionism is connected with the union cards, they carry.

Senator Knowland's crocodile tears over the plight of union people caught in the beneficial net of unionism have as a very appropriate companion liquor in the sluices of politics the hogwash of those card-carriers in Los Angeles whose job is to make an anti-labor measure seem a labor proposal.

If the Senator won his campaign for the Governorship one of his first jobs would be to pick out an appropriate high salaried post in the State Government for the leader of that "labor" crew. Wonder what would be an appropriate place for the gentleman?

'ECONOMIC BAFFLEGAB' is what Sylvia Porter the syndicated writer on business calls the President's letter to Congress transmitting his annual Economic Report. She labels it "a shining example of how to say we're in a recession without actually saying it in words an average reader could easily understand." But you can be sure the unemployed can very "easily understand" the situation!

THAT 'BILL OF RIGHTS' for labor of Bill Knowland's is actually intended by him, if you'll pardon a pun, as the Bill of Rites for the Burial of Organized Labor.

## Keep Both Eyes on the Watch Dog



## FRIEND OF LABOR HEADS THE 'FREE SPEECH' KPFA

Harold Winkler, formerly on the UC faculty, and well known as a friend of labor has taken over the job of president of Pacifica Foundation, which operates KPFA-FM. He writes our editor that "I find the complete free speech tradition of KPFA worth working for." Which brings to mind the following about KPFA published by the Christian Science Monitor November 16, 1956:

Dust off your radio. That inarticulate set whose voice you may have muted when television swept over the nation may yet have a chance to speak to you through a new idea being pioneered in the San Francisco Bay Area—listener-sponsored radio.

At the present time, Station KPFA, a high-fidelity FM station in Berkeley, is believed to be the only listener-sponsored radio station in the world. In 1949, with a tiny signal of 250 watts, KPFA was placed in operation by the Pacifica Foundation, a nonprofit corporation of California. Now seven years later, KPFA's transmitter has an effective radiated power of 54,000 watts enabling it to cover an area from Sacramento to the Monterey Peninsula.

Importance of the idea of listener-sponsored radio is not in the equipment growth of KPFA, but the way in which the idea works and the listening results achieved for the subscribers.

### PROGRAMS PROVIDED

Listener-sponsored radio is based on the theory that the entire operation of a cultural radio station can be supported by its audience. KPFA subscribers each pay \$10 a year toward supporting the station. The signal, however, is free to the entire public, and the only privilege attached to the subscription is the regular receipt of the folio published by the station listing programs to be presented and their time and date.

The concept is one of a valuable service rendered to the listener by a program content which is conceived of, unit by unit, to be of special interest to a minority audience, with the

### Race gains

The National Urban League's year-end report set forth some of the following signs of progress:

- Integration of more than 700 Southern school districts, most of them peacefully.
- Expansion of Negro employment opportunities in both the North and the South, where some industries employed Negroes for the first time and integrated among the other employees.
- Deeper inroads into problems of slum clearance and urban renewal in areas affecting Negroes and other minority groups and hopeful signs of a liberalizing in public policy.

belief that all the listening minorities added together will make a minority of considerable size which will be able to support the station on a listener-sponsored basis.

What about the fellow who listens and doesn't pay a subscription? Well, for one thing, he wouldn't receive the folio and therefore couldn't have any idea what to expect in programming. However, the real solution to the question is in the quality of what the station offers.

### LISTENERS MEET

A good example would be a time back in 1951 when KPFA went off the air because money was not available to continue broadcasting, and the listeners refused to let KPFA disappear without a fight. A meeting of listeners was called. Most of them were strangers to one another with only the common bond of interest in KPFA.

Money was collected among themselves and a community-wide fund-raising campaign was begun, which put the station back on the air. KPFA was becoming indispensable to a diverse and growing group of citizens, and they were willing to raise money to keep it in operation.

### Big crocodiles

Retail trade is increasingly dominated by giant chain enterprises operated by centralized headquarters with centralized purchasing and control. This control extends not only to marketing and financial policies but also to employment, personnel and labor relations.

The names of these giant chain stores are well known to every family. A&P, Safeway, Woolworth, Montgomery Ward, Macy's are just a few.

Except for the fact that they, as well as the small neighborhood stores which attempt to compete with them, are all trying to sell to the same customers, there is not the slightest resemblance between these huge enterprises and the average small local store.

Yet, by shedding crocodile tears for the plight of their small competitors whom they have rapidly put out of business, these giant chains have escaped coverage under the minimum wage law despite their obvious ability to pay decent wages.—AFLCIO Economic Review.

## OPINIONS

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## POSTAL WORKERS WANT S. BILL 27

Editor, Labor Journal:

A brief word of thanks for your kind editorial in this week's Labor Journal, and also to clear up a matter that seems to be bothering some of the unions affiliated with the Central Labor Council in regard to the number of the bill the Postal employees are backing for their long awaited pay raise. The Bill is S. B. 27, (Senate Bill No. 27) which embodies a 7½ percent increase plus a \$240 per ANNUM cost of living bonus for the lower groups in the Postal Service.

By the way, I have just received a letter from Senator William Proxmire (whom you will remember soundly whacked one of Ike's fair-haired boys in Wisconsin) and he has come out four square for our raise in pay. Also, to give credit where credit is due, Senator Thomas H. Kuchel (not up for election this year) has stated he will again back the bill.

And over on the House side, Congressman George P. Miller, one of the greatest friends the postal worker and any other working man ever had in Congress, is impatiently waiting for the House Bill to come up so he can work for its enactment.

Again thanking you and the Journal for their great cooperation, and with best wishes and regards, I am

Fraternally yours,  
A. B. MCCLINTOCK,  
Secretary  
Postal Central Council

## DIRECTION

In a very real sense, the Soviets have already won because it is now demonstrated that we cannot match Russian progress toward specific objectives of knowledge, power and achievement without voluntarily submitting ourselves to a substantial degree of purposive direction in our lives, direction of investment, direction of manpower, direction of education.—Malcolm P. McNair, Harvard economist.

## BRIGHT KIDS

The emphasis will be on learning for its own sake, rather than for credits or grades. We hope to attract to such a program as this the really exciting and excited young people whose opportunity to undertake a self-designed experiment in physics, chemistry or biology is now restricted to the cellar, the garage, or the kitchen sink. — Mitchell Gratiwick, educator.

## WARNING

The kind of policies that might have made sense fifty or even fifteen years ago are obsolete today. If we think in terms of military security alone, we will lose our security. If we think in terms of national sovereignty alone, we will destroy our sovereignty.—Norman Cousins, editor, Saturday Review.

## STANDARDS

It is hereby declared to be the policy of this Act . . . to correct and as rapidly as practicable to eliminate . . . labor conditions detrimental to the maintenance of the minimum standard of living necessary for health, efficiency and general well-being of workers.—Fair Labor Standards Act.

## EARNEST

Earnest people are often people who habitually look on the serious side of things that have no serious side. — Van Wyck Brooks, famous critic.